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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices trended higher in the West, unchanged in the East and Midwest. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was fair to good, best for fast food and feature activity. Supplies were sufficient to closely cleared with smaller sizes often in the tighter position. Lingering trucking problems continued to hamper product availability. In the parts structure, trading was moderate. Breast items were in good balance to tight. Dark meat cuts were adequate to available, and wings were fully sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but generally desirable weights.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of readyto-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 6/07/04-06/11/04 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

U.S. Department of Agriculture

(Inclu	ding branded pr	oduct)	WTD			
<u>AREAS</u>	MAJORITY	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS		
Delivered to Fire	st Receivers					
Chicago	78.00-81.00	73.50-87.00	79.86	31		
Los Angeles	84.00					
New York	81.00-84.00					
Southeast Area	FOB Dock Equiv	valent				
Mississippi	78.50-79.50	77.50-87.00	79.68	86		
GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on						
hrollers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.75 cents based on ice-						

broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 78.75 cents based on icepacked USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR **EQUIVALENT**

<u>LOADS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
976	75.00-80.00	78.46
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Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on

ice packed parts:	WID. AVG.	VOLUME
<u>ITEM</u>	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	257.50	1,299
BREASTS - B/S	259.50	5,356
BREASTS - WHOLE	137.00	1,720
THIGH MEAT - B/S	121.50	981
LEG QUARTERS	37.50	7,481
WINGS	119.00	2,930

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were unchanged from Tuesday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly fully steady, instances firm. Offerings remained very light and short of full trade needs on light weight birds. Movement into all channels was irregular, light to good. Trucking issues, product availability and mixed consumer interest added to the demand irregularity. Catering and fast food promotions were showing very good demand. Floor stocks were in full range, with breaded product short of full trade needs. Weights were desirable for the most part. Trade on parts continued fairly quiet, other than for immediate needs. Offerings of breast cuts and drums remain limited; wings and leg quarters were fully sufficient and thighs were mixed. The market tone was steady to firm on drums and breast cuts; steady on thighs; wings and leg quarters were barely steady, undertone weak.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to fairly good with best movement centering on feature activity and fast food promotions. Supplies were in good balance to closely cleared with 3 pound and lighter sizes well cleared to tight. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were adequate to tight. Dark meat items were generally sufficient for trade needs. Wings were adequate to fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Fridays' level. Trading reported for next week's deliveries at mainly higher to instances lower prices. Offerings were adequate but slowly building. Some discounts were re

ported with only a small amount of interest noted. Buying activity was moderate at best with buyers watching further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate with best movement noted where features in progress. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. **Ads noted** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

Arizona - boneless breast 399, boneless thigh meat 199-249, split breast 50 percent off, leg quarter 79, thigh 4# bags 399, drumstick 4# bags 399;

Colorado – whole body 100, whole cut-up 100, boneless breast 599, boneless breast 3# bagged IQF 537, boneless breast marinated 399-499, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 100, leg quarter 79, thigh 100, drumstick 100,

(deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 599, barbeque leg quarter 1 for 100, chicken tenders 449 per pound);

<u>Idaho</u> – boneless breast 299, thigh 79-99, drumstick 79-99,

(deli food service - chicken strips 499 per pound, whole rotisserie chicken 499 each);

Northern California – whole body 79, whole cut-up 159, boneless breast 249-499, boneless thigh meat 249, split breast 199, leg guarter 89. drumstick 89-109, thigh 89-109;

Southern California - whole body 57-99, whole cut-up 99-159, Roaster 159, boneless breast 199-399, boneless breast and boneless thigh meat combo 299, boneless breast marinated 299, boneless leg meat 139-168, boneless leg meat marinated 169, whole bone-in breast 127, bone-in split breast 99-269, whole leg 97, leg quarter 77, leg quarter marinated 79, wing 159, thigh 77-169, thigh 4# bagged IQF 300, drumstick 77-169, drumstick 4# bagged IQF 300, drumstick 5# bags 290-295,

(deli food service - fried 8 piece mixed 499, 8 piece drumstick and thigh 298, hot wing 348-378 per pound, whole rotisserie chicken 478-498 each).

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-tocook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were in good balance. The heavier weights were sufficient. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were closely cleared. Dark meat cuts and wings were at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to moderately good entering the weekend. Seller offerings were adequate to instances short on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were heavy when combined with operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 82 to 94 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were generally noted as adequate to closely cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	<u>BR</u>	<u>ANDED U.S. GRADE A</u>
RANGE		78-95
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		86.23
NO. OF BOXES		8,112
CUMULATIVE	05/31/04-06/04/04	85.80
	06/02/03-06/06/03	60.95
NO. OF BOXES	05/31/04-06/04/04	32,259
	06/02/03-06/06/03	46,560
*7 of 7 plants reporting.		

JUNE 03 SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS							JL	JNE 04		
F	POUNDS			WTD	POUNDS				WEEK	LY
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG	<u>(000)</u>	RANGE	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVC
BREAST - B/S	807 24	8.00-328.00	253-256	253.11	884	248.00-328.00	249-253	252.24	3,430	253.01
TENDERLOINS	223 22	0.00-280.00	220-225	229.21	233	220.00-280.00	220-225	229.03	872	229.72
BREAST - LINE RUN	107 13	2.00-140.00	135-137	135.65	107	132.00-140.00	135-136	135.42	337	135.56
FRONT HALVES	TO	O FEW TO RE	EPORT		TO	O FEW TO REP	ORT		220	124.77
LEGS	74	44.00-60.00	48-51	50.86	63	49.00-60.00	49-51	51.67	288	51.59
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	591	33.00-37.00	36-37	36.25	551	33.00-37.00	35-37	35.90	2,204	36.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	920	38.00-42.00	38-39	39.07	1,000	37.00-42.00	38-39	38.76	3,600	38.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	295 9	4.00-114.00	94-97	98.75	250	94.00-99.00	94-95	95.10	960	99.31
WINGS (CUT)	498 11	0.00-119.00	117-119	117.23	650	110.00-119.00	114-119	116.60	2,149	116.97
DRUMSTICKS	54	45.00-60.00	-	48.89	49	45.00-60.00	-	48.67	171	50.20
THIGHS	TO	O FEW TO RE	EPORT		58	54.00-60.00	-	55.71	302	54.30
B/S THIGHS	81 11	9.00-135.00	-	121.42	81	118.00-135.00	118-122	121.17	356	120.65
WHOLE BODY INDEX BA	SED ON	SOUTHERN	**************************************	********* RTS	WHOLE E	SODY INDEX BA	************* SED ON SOI	JTHERN STA	********** TES PAI	******** RTS
TRADING FOR JUNE 03,	2004 F.O	.B. DOCK.			TRADING	FOR JUNE 04,	2004 F.O.B.	DOCK.		
RANGE		<u>TODA</u>	Y'S AVERAGI	E		<u>RANGE</u>	TODAY'S	<u>AVERAGE</u>	5-DAY	<u>AVERAGE</u>
76.00 - 83.00 The Index is intended solely a	as an indic	ator of values f	80.96 or commodity-t	6 ype produc	t and does r	76.50 - 83.00 not represent indus	stry's willingne	80,20 ss to sell or ab	ility to buy	80.56

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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly but was generally moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were balanced and bone-in breasts were closely cleared. Legs and leg quarters were at least adequate to available. Wings were generally sufficient. Retail and distributive draw was at best fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLVRD TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

JUNE 04

JUNE 03	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD			WEEKLY
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	250-255	248.39	614,782	250-255	249.95	605,373	249.87	2,111,787
TENDERLOINS	225	220.90	107,240	225	222.28	128,320	221.86	374,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	132-133	138.26	162,670	133-134	138.49	163,560	138.38	592,050
BREAST - LINE RUN	132	134.77	123,720	133	135.38	137,800	134.96	425,960
LEGS	53-54	52.49	271,360	53-54	55.53	249,879	54.20	857,000
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-40	40.01	332,680	38-40	40.11	313,317	40.57	1,427,957
DRUMSTICKS	42-43	47.27	170,620	42-43	48.70	147,317	47.65	603,357
THIGHS	45-46	53.39	95,180	45-46	54.39	97,638	54.55	302,558
B/S THIGHS	116-117	115.96	92,640	116-117	117.42	109,520	117.14	345,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	105.19	122,400	100-101	105.78	141,400	106.02	594,420
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP	PED) 10-12	12.02	43,680	10-12	11.98	26,880	11.86	131,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.02	22,800	35-40	33.88	6,080	31.32	48,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.53	24,560	55-60	59.18	21,520	58.90	87,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS BREAST - LINE RUN LEGS LEG QUARTERS (BULK) DRUMSTICKS THIGHS B/S THIGHS WINGS (WHOLE) BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	132-133 132 53-54 38-40 42-43 45-46 116-117 100-101 PED) 10-12 35-40	138.26 134.77 52.49 40.01 47.27 53.39 115.96 105.19 12.02 31.02	162,670 123,720 271,360 332,680 170,620 95,180 92,640 122,400 43,680 22,800	133-134 133 53-54 38-40 42-43 45-46 116-117 100-101 10-12 35-40	138.49 135.38 55.53 40.11 48.70 54.39 117.42 105.78 11.98 33.88	163,560 137,800 249,879 313,317 147,317 97,638 109,520 141,400 26,880 6,080	138.38 134.96 54.20 40.57 47.65 54.55 117.14 106.02 11.86 31.32	592,050 425,960 857,000 1,427,957 603,357 302,558 345,440 594,420 131,120 48,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M. ** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

	<u>ESTIN</u> (1,000)	MATED	<u>ACT</u> (1,000)	<u>UAL</u>	<u>AVG </u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> (1,000)	AVG WTS
	06/04	06/03	06/02	06/01	06/02	06/01	05/28	05/26
ALA	4,281	4,012	3,820	4,026	5.38	5.33	4,787	5.16
ARK	5,793	5,522	5,240	5,218	5.08	5.16	5,531	4.90
DELMARVA	2,767	2,293	2,269	2,293	5.67	5.70	2,651	5.51
KY-LA-TN	2,286	1,984	2,086	2,036	4.96	5.02	2,763	4.98
MISS	3,099	3,073	3,023	2,895	5.47	5.45	3,326	5.48
NC	3,152	2,472	2,385	2,384	6.36	6.42	2,983	6.28
TEXAS	2,428	2,450	2,380	2,413	5.06	5.13	2,480	5.09
TOTAL	23,806	21,806	21,203	21,265	5.38	5.41	24,521	5.27
MON-FRI	98,201(A	A)					109,899(A))
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(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

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Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Jun-04 and 05-Jun-04 is estimated to be 35,616,000 head down 3.21 percent from a weekago and up 10.66 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 36,796,000, last year 32,184,000)Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending05-Jun-04 is estimated to be 142,248,000 head down 11.77 percent from a week ago, and down 8.75 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 161,220,000, last year 155,892,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	(L.A. AREA)	PROCESSED
POULTRY, DELIVERED TO	RETAILER	<u>S</u>

FRIDAY, JUNE 04, 2004

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	108-116
	ICE PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	108-110
	ICE PACK	108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	93
	DRY PACK	93-95

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt. week ending 22-May-04 (Preliminary)

classified by live wt., week ending 22-May-04 (Preliminary),						
(A) Fast	food/ (I	B) Retail	(C) Deboning			
Foo	d service					
<u>4.20</u>	Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up			
	TH(OUSANDS				
Head	27,793	18,741	47,778			
Avg Weight	3.60	4.75	6.30			
% of total /1	29%	20%	51%			
COMPARISONS						
Last week	26,923	20,134	49,612			
Avg Weight	3.64	4.68	6.33			
% of total /1	28%	21%	51%			
Same week, yr ago /2	27,164	29,097	50,271			
Avg Weight	3.77	4.70	6.16			
% of total /1	25%	27%	47%			
To date/2004	527,604	434,581	904,722			
To date/2003	499,535	473,466	889,720			
total to 100% due to r	,	/2 Comparable	,			

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

<u>LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION</u> W/E 29-May-04 (PRELIMINARY) **YOUNG LIGHT HEAVY TOTAL**

(PRELIIVIIINARI)	TOUNG	LIGHT	ΠEΑV I	IUIAL		
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS	
		THOUS	SANDS—			
HEAD	161,220	1,403	1,382	2,785	472	
AVG WT	5.25	3.41	8.01	5.69	6.78	
HEAD SLTR CO	MPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	159,896	1,472	1,365	2,837	489	
SAME WK YR AG	O 141,722	1,369	1,217	2,586	363	
AVG WT	5.16	3.70	8.03	5.74	6.52	
TO-DATE/2004	3,247,678	27,670	26,920	54,590	9,655	
TO-DATE/2003	3,182,786	35,509	27,926	63,435	8,867	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.2 million head or 0.9 which was 101% of estimated fryers available..

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - JUNE 01, 2004 PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

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	RAN	GE		RAN	IGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.80 -	.85	Silkies	1.00 -	1.50 ea.	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 -	.85	Geese			
Red Fowl 4 - 5 LBS	.25 -	.30	9 - 14 LBS	.30 -	.35	
Red Fowl 5 - 6 LBS	.40 -	.45	Pigeons	3.00 -	5.00 ea.	
Crossbred Fowl			White Pigeons	4.00 -	6.00 ea.	
5 - 9 LBS	.60 -	.70	Rabbits			
Crossbred Roosters			4 - 6 LBS	1.20 -	1.30	
4 - 6 LBS	.40 -	.60	Rabbits			
Crossbred Roosters			6 - 9 LBS	1.10 -	1.20	
7 - 11 LBS	.40 -	.60	Bunnies	2.00 -	4.00 ea.	
Guinea Fowl	2.20 -	2.30ea	.Guinea Pigs	2.50 -	4.00 ea.	
Banty Roosters	3.00 -	3.75ea	.Goats	25.00 -	30.00 ea.	
Banty Hens	2.50 -	2.75ea	.Kid Goats	30.00 -	40.00 ea.	
Total Coops Sold	420)	Doves	4.00	- 5.00 ea.	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 31-MAY-2003 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	FROZEN 137-140	FRESH 144-146
MIDWEST MOSTLY	124-128	125-130

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	84.00-90.50	88.00-90.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63.00-86.50	68.00-75.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 60.48-71.28 14 OZ. 66.96-77.92 16 OZ. 73.44-86.67

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

<u>CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS</u> Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand ranged moderate to good. Schedules full-time. Weights were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 31-MAY-2003

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-134	118-139
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION F	HEAD	
WEEK ENDING		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE PCT		AVG WT
APRIL	24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
MAY	1	159.8	161.1	99%	5.30
	8	159.0	161.9	98%	5.33
	15	160.4	162.6	99%	5.24
	22	161.8	162.3	100%	5.20
	29	163.2	162.3	101%	5.25
YEAR TO DAT	Έ	3287.2	3328.5	99%	
JUNE	5		163.1		
	12		164.1		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER Under Federal Inspection

THOUSANDS							
W/E	06/05/04	05/29/04	<u>% CHG</u>	06/07/03	<u>% CHG</u>		
Broilers	142,248	161,220*	-11.77	155,892*	-8.75		
Cattle	570	699	-18	793*	-28		
Hogs	1,624	1,877	-13	1,830*	-11		
*ACTUAL							

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for lights; mostly fair for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings of light canners were sufficient. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

HEAVY CANNER HENS
(WITHOUT NECKS)

26-32 MAJORITY 26.5-28 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS HEAVY CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

27-33 MAJORITY 29-29.5 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority prices were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at moderate to least moderate. Offerings of spent hens were adequate to at least adequate for trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-12 9-10.5

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Costs of disposal were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Sales of finished product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Opinions of value were expected to remain constant.

RANGE MAJORITY
TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings of spent hens were tight to adequate with demand mostly good. Alternative users of spent fowl were finding additional birds hard to procure. Trade sentiment steady. RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST

REMOVAL COST 5-10.5 5-6

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-04

<u>SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN</u> Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing. The undertone was at least steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING
FOB PLANT

TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT
TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS

Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was good for adequate supplies of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING

TOO FEW TO REPORT

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plants worked lighter holiday schedules. Offerings adequate.

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